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1. Naval Vessels: On 24-27 June I observed 17 Polish naval vessels moored in Gdynia in the southern part of the harbor, outside the breakwater. Included in this group were two cruisers, two destroyer escorts, five minesweepers, and assorted smaller craft. Two of the submarines stationed in Gdynia were observed in port.
2. Merchant Vessels: The Norwegian merchant ship Marvel (port of registry: Hangerund, Norway) was observed leaving Gdynia fully loaded with cased machinery on 25 or 26 June. According to rumor prevalent in the port, the Marvel was headed for China with its cargo. The Marvel called at Copenhagen on 27 June for fuel.
3. Shipments to China: From the Rotterdam Quay a great quantity of cased machinery was observed about the docks. A customs man said that all this machinery was bound for China, along with butter, shoes, and other articles not specified. The customs man, a Pole, seemed very bitter about these shipments since such commodities (especially the butter and shoes) were almost impossible to obtain in Poland. Another Pole confirmed the story of the customs man and mirrored his bitterness. According to this second Pole, the Norwegian ship Marvel mentioned above was the fourth vessel to leave Gdynia for China in recent weeks, the other three being two Polish and one Soviet registered ships.
4. Coal Shipments to USSR: I heard rumors that Poland is now and has been for an indefinite time shipping coal from Gdynia in barges to Archangel, USSR, by way of inland waterways which have recently been completed.
5. Security Measures: A significant change in security precautions was noted on this voyage. There was no search of the vessel on arrival, and only a sketchy search, taking 25 minutes at the most, was made on sailing. It took barely two hours to clear the port from the time I first called for permission to leave until the time we were under way.

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